

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,

Case No. CR15-348 RSL

v.

**DETENTION ORDER**

MARIA SANDOVAL,  
  
Defendant.

The Court has conducted a detention hearing under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and concludes there are no conditions which the defendant can meet which would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required or the safety of any other person and the community.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

Defendant is charged with a crime that carries a presumption of detention and has failed to overcome that presumption. The government proffered that defendant is a drug trafficking courier who brought drugs from California to Washington. After her delivery, her car was stopped and over \$370,000 was found hidden inside. Defendant has strong ties to Mexico and was arrested at the U.S. border in November, 2015 as she was returning from Mexico. When she was arrested, the sister of the lead co-defendant took custody of defendant's minor children and took them to live in Mexico. Defendant's ex-husband currently lives in Mexico. The lead co-

1 defendant is still a fugitive at large.

2 It is therefore **ORDERED**:

3 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the  
4 Attorney General for confinement in a correctional facility separate, to the extent practicable,  
5 from persons awaiting or serving sentences, or being held in custody pending appeal;

6 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
7 counsel;

8 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
9 Government, the person in charge of the correctional facility in which Defendant is confined  
10 shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in  
11 connection with a court proceeding; and

12 (4) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to all counsel, the United States  
13 Marshal, and to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officer.

14 DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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18 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
19 United States Magistrate Judge  
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